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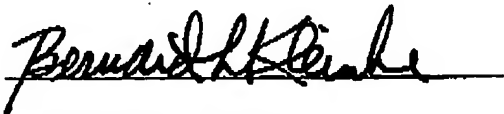
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In response to the Interview Summary dated September 29, 2005, Examiners Kuhns and Cano and the undersigned held a telephone interview on September 23, 2005. The differences between the prior art patents Cordes and Losito and the claimed method were discussed. Focused on the ripping apart of the root crown in the claimed method versus the gentle pulling action of the prior art. The undersigned agreed to an amendment to the claims in which "vegetable" would be replaced by "green onion" in order to better distinguish the prior art.

No exhibits were introduced during the telephone interview. The independent claims were discussed. No other pertinent matters were discussed.

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